

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PORG, UN, OAU  
SUBJECT: AFRICA POLICY: ELIMINATION OF EXTERNAL  
INTERVENTION

REF: STATE 153145

1. AS WE READ RECENT HISTORY, EXTERNAL INTERVENTION  
IN AFRICA HAS BEEN IN RESPONSE TO AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS'  
OWN REQUESTS, VIZ., SOVIETS IN SOMALIA, CUBANS IN ANGOLA,  
FRENCH IN CHAD AND ZAIRE. PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF USG EFFORT  
ON ISSUE OF LEAVING AFRICANS TO FIND AFRICAN SOLUTIONS  
SHOULD THEREFORE BE TO PROMOTE AFRICAN CONSENSUS ON  
SELF-RESTRAINT IN EXTENDING INVITATIONS FOR FOREIGN  
INTERVENTION, WITHOUT WHICH INVITATIONS EXTERNAL FORCES  
ARE UNLIKELY (EXCEPT IN CASE OF CATASTROPHIC DEVELOPMENTS  
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA) TO BE INTRODUCED INTO AFRICA.

2. OAU SUMMIT APPEARS BE GOOD SETTING FOR DECLARATION  
OF SOLIDARITY ON PRINCIPLE OF NOT INVITING FOREIGN  
INTERVENTION. WOULD BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IF  
SUBSCRIBED TO PUBLICLY BY AFRICA'S ELDER STATESMEN  
OF VARYING POLITICAL STRIPES. USG COULD INFORM  
THESE ELDER STATESMEN IN ADVANCE OF KHARTOUM MEETING  
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THAT, FOR NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL REASONS,  
USG ITSELF WOULD WELCOME NOT RPT NOT BEING INVITED TO  
INTERVENE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND THAT USG WOULD WELCOME  
"NO FOREIGN FORCES DECLARATION" TO ELIMINATE INVITATIONS  
TO ALL OUTSIDERS. DECLARATION MIGHT URGE AFRICAN STATES  
TO SEEK RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL IN FIRST INSTANCE.  
IF APPROPRIATE, DECLARATION COULD BE FORWARDED TO

UNITED NATIONS FOR LATTER'S ENDORSEMENT OR OTHER KIND  
OF APPROVAL.  
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